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Police are overtaken by cart wheel and peace comes to Parker's Piece

MIKE PETTY AND JAMES MILNER LOOK THROUGH THE CAMBRIDGE NEWS ARCHIVES AT SOME OF THE STORIES FROM THIS DAY IN THE PAST

Heidelberg Garden in 2008

German garden opens on rooftop – 1977

THE Mayor of Heidelberg officially opened the rooftop garden above Lion Yard, Cambridge, which has been named after the German town to mark the link between Cambridge and its twin university town.

Oberburgermeister Renhold Zundel said a scheme similar to Lion Yard was being built in his city and they might have a garden named after Cambridge soon.

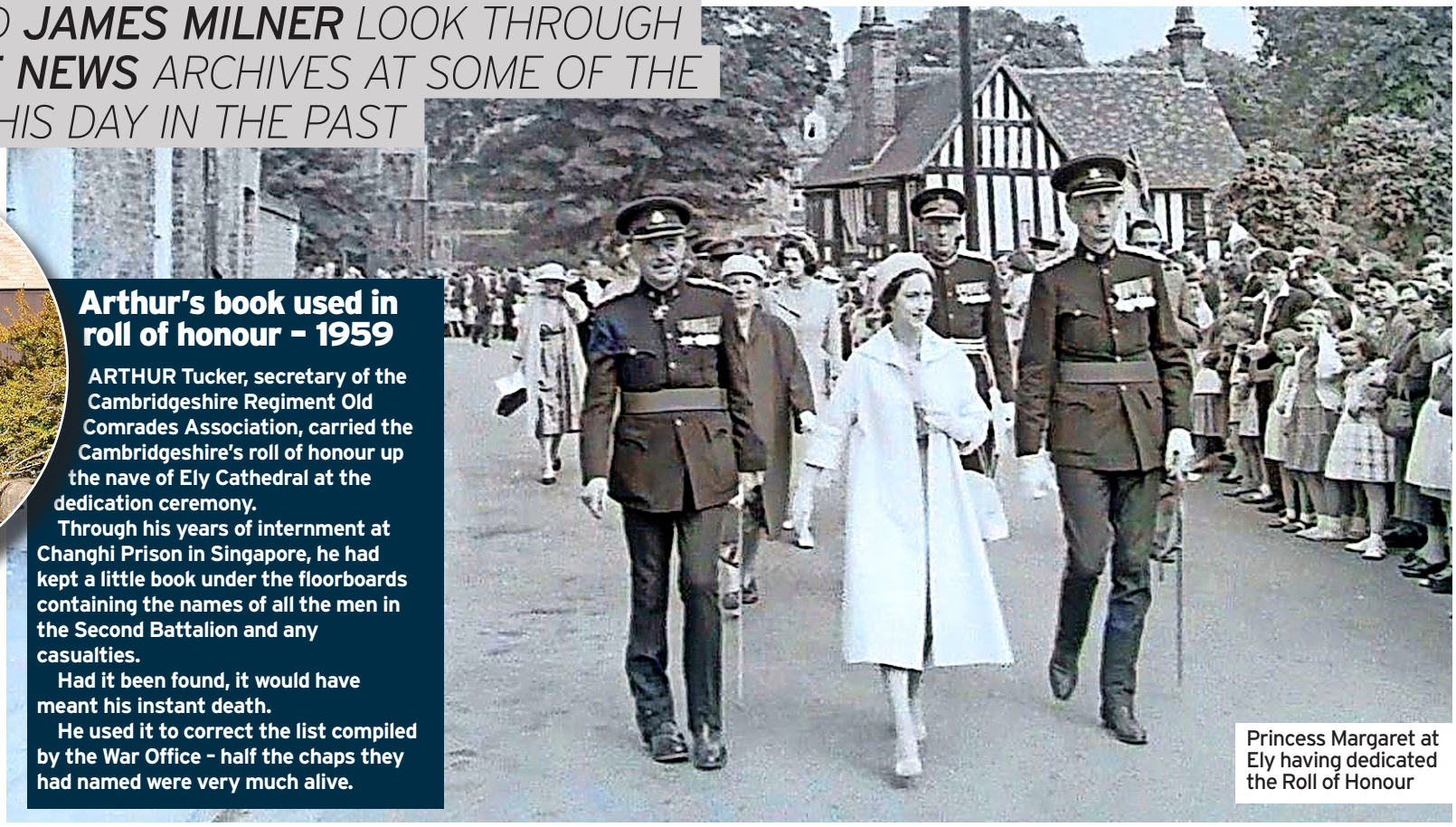
Arthur's book used in roll of honour – 1959

ARTHUR Tucker, secretary of the Cambridgeshire Regiment Old Comrades Association, carried the Cambridgeshire's roll of honour up the nave of Ely Cathedral at the dedication ceremony.

Through his years of internment at Changhi Prison in Singapore, he had kept a little book under the floorboards containing the names of all the men in the Second Battalion and any casualties.

Had it been found, it would have meant his instant death.

He used it to correct the list compiled by the War Office – half the chaps they had named were very much alive.



Princess Margaret at Ely having dedicated the Roll of Honour

A10 Chear Lode bridge work begins – 1975

WORK is due to start on the diversion of the A10 and the construction of a new bridge at Stretham Ferry.

It will involve diverting the road to the west. A new bridge will be built where the river joins Chear Lode.

The Department of the Environment says the present bridge is deteriorating and the bend on the approach restricts visibility and is a hazard to traffic.

In the past, a number of accidents have occurred at the bridge.

Construction of the new bridge at Stretham Ferry

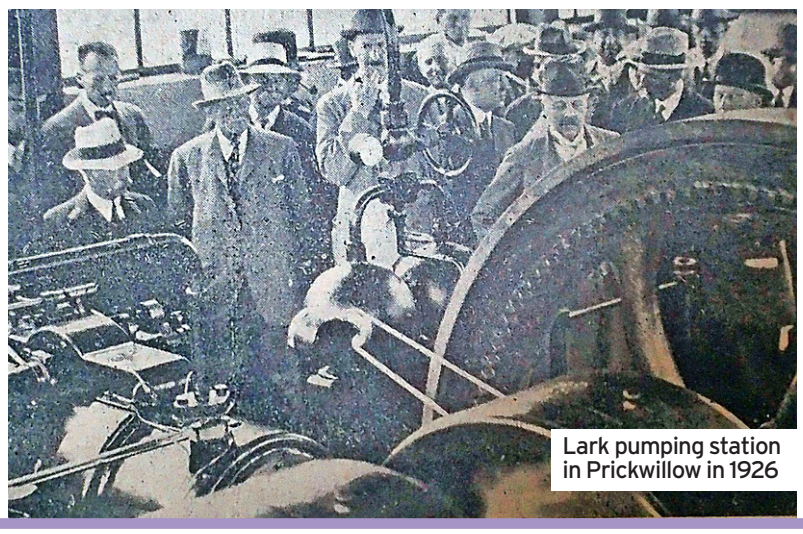
Oil replaces steam at pump station – 1926

BY the River Lark at Prickwillow now stands another monument to the economic supremacy of the oil-power pumping plant over that of the rapidly disappearing steam-driven appliance.

This has been installed by the Burnt Fen commissioners and the formal opening ceremony took place at the Lark pumping station with a large attendance of landowners.

The new plant supersedes a steam engine erected in 1882 by Messrs Haythorne and Bailey and will save £1,000 a year to the commissioners who spent £1,400 a year on coal for the steam engine and will in future be called upon to expend £400 on the oil engine.

This is the first engine of its type to be used for an extensive fen drainage scheme. The area to be drained lies between the Little Ouse River



Lark pumping station in Prickwillow in 1926